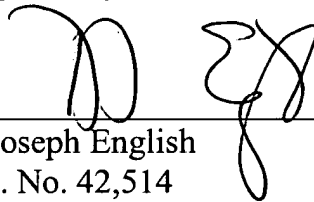


Remarks

The undersigned appreciates the courtesies extended by the examiner during the personal interview conducted March 12, 2003. The claims have been amended to further distinguish the claimed inventions from the combination of Hettich et al. and Austin relied upon by the examiner in finally rejecting the claims.

A further and favorable action and allowance of all claims is solicited.

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